13. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim [12] 52 wherein said [support arms, said lattice, and said screen are] grille is molded in a monolithic unit.

14. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim [12] 52 wherein [are formed a plurality of tooth-shaped] said screens [and each said screen is] are formed parallel to [the] each other.

28. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim [27] 53 wherein said [support arms, said lattice, and said screen are] grille is molded in a monolithic unit.

29. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim [27] 53 wherein [are formed a plurality of tooth-shaped screens and each] said screens [is] are formed parallel to [the] each other.

42. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim [41] 54 wherein said [support arms, said lattice, and said screen are] grille is molded in a monolithic unit.

43. (Amended) The apparatus of Claim [41] 54 wherein [are formed a plurality of tooth-shaped screens, each] said screens are formed parallel to the other.

46. (Amended) A method of draining a portion of the water from an aquarium tank having a tank floor covered with gravel to a predetermined depth and with it the sediment and impurities that have gathered with the gravel in the bottom of the tank comprising the

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steps of:

a) providing a flexible hose having first and second opposite ends;

b) providing a tube having upper and lower distal ends and connecting said upper distal end thereof to said first end of said elongated flexible hose;

c) providing a [tooth-shaped] grille defined by a plurality of three-dimensional tooth-shaped lattices and screens covering said lattices, said screens having apertures formed therethrough [chamber whose walls are perforated by apertures that are] of a size to allow passage therethrough of water, sediment and impurities but not gravel, and connecting [it] said grille to said lower distal end of said tube;

d) immersing said [lower distal] tube [end of said tube] and said grille into the aquarium tank such that said grille may be placed [adjacent] in contact with the gravel at the bottom of the aquarium tank,

e) creating a flow of water from the tank through said [perforations] apertures into said grille, said tube, and said flexible hose to drain water, sediment and impurities therethrough;

f) moving said grille about the gravel at the bottom of the aquarium tank such that the gravel particles are forced by said movement to bump and rub against each other, outside said tube, to dislodge the sediment and impurities that have gathered therewith; and,

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g) discharging said water, sediment and impurities from the aquarium tank [to a drain].

52. (New) Apparatus for use in draining, cleaning and refilling an aquarium tank having a floor covered with gravel to a predetermined depth comprising:

a) an elongated flexible hose having first and second opposite ends;

b) a tube including an upper distal end for connection to said first end of said flexible hose, and a lower distal end adapted to be immersed in the aquarium tank such that said lower end may be placed near the gravel;

c) a first means attachable to said second end of said flexible hose and for connection to a flowing water source for creating a continuous flow of water from the tank through said tube and said flexible hose;

d) a grille, covering said lower distal end of said tube, and including a chamber surrounded by three-dimensional tooth-shaped lattices having screens covering said lattices, said screens having a plurality of apertures formed therethrough that are narrower than the width of the gravel particles covering the floor of the aquarium, said grille arranged for contact with the gravel for moving the gravel about the floor of the tank such that the gravel particles are forced by said movement to bump and rub against each other outside said tube to dislodge the sediment and impurities that have gathered therewith, and wherein said sediment and impurities are swept by said

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water flow through said apertures into said chamber, up said tube and through said hose for discard without the entrance of gravel into said tube or hose; and,

e) wherein at least one of said lattices being of a height greater than the depth of the floor-covering gravel so as to always present a portion of said apertured screen to the aquarium water above the gravel to allow a continuous flow of water into said tube to sweep the debris, that passes into said tube through said apertures, out of the aquarium.

53. (New) Apparatus for use in draining, cleaning and refilling an aquarium tank having a tank floor covered with gravel to a predetermined depth comprising:

a) an elongated flexible hose having first and second opposite ends;

b) a tube including an upper distal end for connection to said first end of said flexible hose, and a lower distal end adapted to be immersed in the aquarium tank such that said lower end may be placed near the gravel, said hose and said tube of such length to allow said second flexible hose end to be placed below the level of water in the tank and a partial vacuum to be started to create a natural siphon action to create a flow of water from the tank through said tube and through said flexible hose;

c) a grille, covering said lower distal end of said tube, and including a chamber surrounded by three-dimen-

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signal tooth-shaped lattices having screens covering said lattices, said screens having a plurality of apertures formed therethrough that are narrower than the width of the gravel particles covering the floor of the aquarium, said grille arranged for contact with the gravel for moving the gravel about the floor of the tank such that the gravel particles are forced by said movement to bump and rub against each other outside said tube to dislodge the sediment and impurities that have gathered therewith, and wherein said sediment and impurities are swept by said water flow through said apertures into said chamber, up said tube and through said hose for discard without the entrance of gravel into said tube or hose; and,

d) wherein at least one of said lattices being of a height greater than the depth of the floor-covering gravel so as to always present a portion of said apertured screen to the aquarium water above the gravel to allow a continuous flow of water into said tube to sweep the debris, that passes into said tube through said apertures, out of the aquarium.

34. (New) Apparatus for use in draining, cleaning and refilling an aquarium tank having a tank floor covered with gravel to a predetermined depth comprising:

a) an elongated flexible hose having first and second opposite ends;

b) a tube including an upper distal end for connection to said first end of said flexible hose, and a lower

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distal end adapted to be immersed in the aquarium tank such that said lower end may be placed near the gravel, said hose and said tube of such length to allow said second flexible hose end to be placed below the level of water in the tank and a partial vacuum to be started to create a natural siphon action to create a flow of water from the tank through said tube and through said flexible hose;

c) a water pump, including a pump inlet for connection to said flexible hose second end, for drawing water through said hose out of the tank;

d) a grille, covering said lower distal end of said tube, and including a chamber surrounded by three-dimensional tooth-shaped lattices having screens covering said lattices, said screens having a plurality of apertures formed therethrough that are narrower than the width of the gravel particles covering the floor of the aquarium, said grille arranged for contact with the gravel for moving the gravel about the floor of the tank such that the gravel particles are forced by said movement to bump and rub against each other outside said tube to dislodge the sediment and impurities that have gathered therewith, and wherein said sediment and impurities are swept by said water flow through said apertures into said chamber, up said tube and through said hose for discard without the entrance of gravel into said tube or hose; and,

e) wherein at least one of said lattices being of a height greater than the depth of the floor-covering

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